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Discharge of certain persons in the State Transport department, Madras.

* 718 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Government of Andhra State regarding the termination of services of nineteen Andhra employees of the State Transport department, Madras City;

(*b*) the reply sent to Andhra Government;

(*c*) how many Andhras were working in this department prior to 1st October 1953;

(*d*) how many Tamilians were employed in the vacancies created by the allotment of the Andhras to the Andhra State; and

(*e*) whether any buses have been transferred to Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The persons discharged are not all Andhras. The principles followed by the Madras Government in the discharge and re-employment of temporary personnel after partition of the State were explained to the Andhra Government. They were also told that nothing was done on the basis of considerations of Andhra or Non-Andhra in the discharge or in the re-employment of the personnel and that there was no discrimination against Andhra personnel.

" (*c*) 481.

" (*d*) Twelve Tamilians were appointed out of the eighteen vacancies created by the allotment of Andhra personnel to the Andhra State.

" (*e*) Nil."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Sir, is the Hon. the Minister for Transport aware that there is a general allegation that many Malayalees have been recruited to this department? "

Repairs to the tanks in Thirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanam Estate, Tiruvallur.

* 719 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the existing tanks in Thirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanam Estate in Tiruvallur taluk are being maintained by the Food Production Department; and

(*b*) the number of existing tanks, the number of tanks that require immediate repairs and the estimated cost of repairs?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The total number of existing tanks is 242 of which 33 are major irrigation sources and the remaining 209 are minor irrigation sources. The number of big tanks that require immediate repairs is 17 and that of small tanks is 60. The approximate cost of repairs is estimated at about Rs. 10,000 for a source.

Construction of houses under the Co-operative Housing Schemes in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 720 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to construct houses in Vriddhachalam taluk under the Co-operative Housing Schemes; and

(*b*) if so, when the work will be commenced?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Rural reconstruction work in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot.

* 721 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the areas selected under the Rural Reconstruction Scheme in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district;

(*b*) the progress of work under the scheme in the year 1952; and

(*c*) the amount spent during that year under the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Thirteen villages of Kurinjipadi and 21 villages of Kullanchavadi firkas were selected under the Rural Welfare Scheme.

" (*b*) & (*c*) As the scheme was inaugurated only on 2nd October 1952 and as the survey work was completed by the end of 1952, no substatnial amount was spent before the end of the year."

Daily rate for hiring the power roller for metalling the roads.

* 722 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the previous rate of daily hire of the power roller to set the metals on the road and what is the present rate; and

(*b*) when this change was made and for what reasons?